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ANNUAL RESULTS 2016

RESULTS

- **Operating results before disposals, changes in fair value and depreciations at EUR 39.2 million (vs. 33.6 million in 2015).**
- **Net result, group share, totals EUR +31.4 million compared to +32.9 million in 2015.**

INTRINSIC VALUE

- **Intrinsic value amounts to EUR 369 per share on 31 December 2016 compared to EUR 335.2 on 31 December 2015.**

DIVIDEND

- **Proposed gross dividend of EUR 7.52 per share (+1.1% versus 2015).**

MAIN OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT IN 2016

In 2016, the Company having largely realized its focusing on a limited number of participations, has been interested in new investment projects and has essentially strengthened its real estate division.

In that respect, the Company has in particular:

- taken a stake in "**Fidentia BeLux Investments, SCA**" (FBLI) for an amount of EUR 25 million, one half in shares, the other half in a subordinated loan. Fidentia Belux Investments has been newly created by Fidental Real Estate Investments. Its first investment is Hippogone SA, owner of the "Solaris" building (www.fidentia.be),
- subscribed to the new funds "**First Retail International 2, NV**" (FRI²) for an amount of EUR 12 million of which 3 million has been paid-in. This Fund is active in the development of retail parks in Europe,
- participated to the capital increase of "**Artista Chocolates, SA**" by the transfer of the production activity branch of the Corné Port Royal company. The Group became a shareholder for about 75% of this company. The merge of the production forces of both companies and their flexibility will enable the Group to strengthen its presence on the chocolate market and to develop a second production facility which will ensure a diversity of supply,
- paid up USD 1.4 million capital towards "**Gotham City Residential Partners II, LP**"
- subscribed to the capital of Nanocyl for an amount of 0.2 million,
- cashed USD 10.4 million from the funds "**DSF III**" and "**Gotham City Residential Partners I, LP**"
- cashed a reimbursement of EUR 0.2 million from the funds "**Matignon Technologies**",
- issued a bond of a total amount of EUR 21.3 million in November 2016, placed with a limited number of Belgian and international investors. The issued bonds have a duration of 7 years and an interest rate of 2% which is payable annually,
- secured the refinancing of its EUR 45 million 2013-2018 bond issue through bank loans at market rate for a 5 year term (2018-2023).

CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL IN 2016

The Company strengthened its equity by EUR 0.5 million as a result of the exercise of 2,300 subscription rights at a unit price of EUR 232.41 in April 2016. The Group has a consolidated net debt of EUR 0.9 million on December 31 2016 .

In the context of the renewal of the authorisation given by the extraordinary general shareholders meeting on 27 April 2016 for the buy-back of own shares, Compagnie du Bois Sauvage proceeded to the buy-back of a total of 2,495 own shares for a total amount of EUR 0.8 million.

POST DECEMBER 31 2016 NOTEWORTHY DEVELOPMENTS

Early 2017, the isolation activity of Noël Group has been sold. This activity accounted for almost 55% of its affiliate subsidiary, Nomaco Inc. (USA). In the coming years, Nomaco Inc. will concentrate on higher added value and new technology activities. The proceeds of the sale will be used, amongst others, to the reduction of debt and the pursuit of growth investments of the Group.

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income as at 31 December (IFRS)

x € 1.000	2016	2015
Operating income	216.404	208.721
Sales	198.798	195.436
Interest and dividends	15.612	11.088
Rental income	1.120	919
Other income	874	1.278
Operating expenses	-180.425	-174.968
Purchasing	-114.540	-110.281
Personnel expenses	-53.177	-52.379
Amortisations, impairments and provisions	-8.237	-7.911
Financial expenses	-3.050	-2.933
Other expenses	-1.421	-1.464
Share in the profit of shareholdings consolidated using the equity method	3.205	-160
Operating income before disposals, changes in fair value and depreciations	39.184	33.593
Earnings on disposals	6.675	2.092
Changes in fair value and depreciations	-1.003	12.784
Pre-tax profits	44.856	48.469
Income taxes on profits	-9.805	-11.604
Profit for the year	35.051	36.865
Other elements of the comprehensive income	13.543	26.270
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to result	-1.403	1.327
Share in the comprehensive income of shareholdings consolidated using the equity method	-1.403	1.327
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to result	14.946	24.943
Available for sale shareholdings		
Change in fair value	17.469	20.966
Transfer to profit and loss following depreciation	0	0
Transfer to profit and loss following disposal	-2.976	-704
Exchange differences on the conversion of activities abroad	-180	4.606
Share in the comprehensive income of shareholdings consolidated using the equity method	633	75
GLOBAL RESULT FOR THE YEAR	48.594	63.135
Profit for the year	35.051	36.865
Group's share	31.437	32.884
Non controlling interest	3.614	3.981
Global result for the year	48.594	63.135
Group's share	44.980	59.154
Non controlling interest	3.614	3.981

The “**Operating results before disposals, changes in fair value and depreciations**” of Compagnie du Bois Sauvage were EUR 39.2 million vs EUR 33.6 million in 2015. This substantial improvement is mainly due to:

- the increase of nearly 2% in the Chocolate Group (Neuhaus, Jeff de Bruges, Corné Port Royal and Artista Chocolates) and the maintenance of a good operational profitability. This profitability has however been affected in 2016 by the restructuring costs of the production branch of activity of Corné Port Royal transferred to Artista Chocolates,
- the increase in dividends at EUR 15.1 million in 2016 compared to EUR 10.4 million in 2015 mainly resulting from the results of Berenberg Bank which, combined to its operating result, realized an exceptional capital gain on the sale of its shareholding in Universal Investment GmbH,
- the equity accounted investments results to EUR 3.2 million in 2016 compared to EUR -0.2 million in 2015. This strong growth is mainly due to Recticel.

The “**net result group share**” of EUR 31.4 million takes into account the result of earnings on disposal of EUR 6.7 million, an impairment loss of EUR 1 million and an income tax expense of EUR 9.8 million.

- “earnings on disposal” come mainly from the capital gains realised on the sale of assets from Gotham City Residential Partners I, LP (USA) of which 2.9 million have already been previously recognized in the equity,
- the evolution of the write-down and reversal of write-down mainly takes into account Noël Group (EUR -1.5 million) and treasury shares (EUR 0.5 million).

The “**net global result group share**” is EUR 45 million compared to EUR 59.2 million in 2015. This amount corresponds to the net result (group share) mainly adjusted by the changes in fair value of the stakes in Umicore (EUR +31 million), Berenberg Bank (EUR -14.1 million), Gotham City (EUR -1.5 million), Bone Therapeutics (EUR -1 million) and in Recticel (EUR -0.8 million), as well as by foreign exchange differences arising from conversion adjustments on foreign activities (EUR -0.2 million).

The Company showed a net consolidated debt of EUR -0.9 million on 31 December 2016 compared to EUR 7 million on 31 December 2015.

After payment of the 2015 dividend (EUR 12.5 million), the Group’s equity stands at EUR 405.2 million compared to EUR 372.7 million on 31 December 2015.

DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors will propose to the ordinary general meeting to continue its policy of steady dividend growth and to raise it to a gross amount of EUR 7.52 per share.

INTRINSIC VALUE

Based on the stock market prices on 31 December 2016 for all listed companies, on an expert valuation for the real estate and the participation in Noël Group, on an internal valuation on the basis of market criteria for the participations in Neuhaus and Berenberg Bank and on the net asset value (IFRS) for the other participations, the intrinsic value per share on 31 December 2016 was EUR 369 (based upon the number of “in the money” shares that supposes only the exercise of warrants whose strike price is below the stock market price).

The stock market price of Compagnie du Bois Sauvage on 31 December 2016 showed a discount of 17% compared to that amount.

PARTICIPATING INTERESTS

The consolidated result on 31 December 2016 is globally in line with forecasts.

OUTLOOK FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

The Board remains confident in the quality of the group’s assets and cautious about its short/medium-term outlook.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor Deloitte Réviseurs d'Entreprises confirmed that its audit, completed in substantive terms, did not reveal any major corrections that need to be made to the accounting information provided in the press release.

ALTERNATIVE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Intrinsic value: The intrinsic value represents the consolidated shareholders' equity adjusted for the difference between the market value and the accounting value of the holdings which are consolidated globally or according to the equity method.

Consolidated treasury: The consolidated treasury is the sum of current and non-current "Other assets", "financial assets at fair value through profit or loss", and "cash and cash equivalents".

Consolidated net debt: The consolidated net debt is equal to the consolidated treasury less current and non-current "borrowings".

FINANCIAL CALENDAR

24 March 2017	Publication of annual report on the www.bois-sauvage.be site
26 April 2017	Ordinary general meeting
2 May 2017	Dividend ex-date
3 May 2017	Dividend record date
4 May 2017	Dividend payment date
29 August 2017 (5:45pm)	First half 2017 results

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Consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December (IFRS)

x € 1.000	2016	2015
Non-current assets	413.719	372.870
Tangible assets	39.932	39.292
Investment buildings	10.395	10.406
Goodwill	11.003	10.962
Intangible assets	21.445	20.678
Shareholdings consolidated using equity method	113.240	103.592
Available-for-sale shareholdings	194.283	179.597
Other assets	20.147	5.107
Deferred tax assets	3.274	3.236
Current assets	144.321	131.952
Inventories	18.789	18.300
Customers and other debtors	43.761	37.757
Tax assets payable	4.594	3.227
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit and loss	13.611	11.640
Other assets	3.437	2.493
Cash and cash equivalents	60.129	58.535
Non-current assets held for sale	0	0
Total assets	558.040	504.822

x € 1.000	2016	2015
Equity	431.138	394.256
Group equity	405.194	372.723
Capital	152.848	152.313
Undistributed profit	155.438	136.291
Reserves	96.908	84.119
Non controlling interest	25.944	21.533
Liabilities	126.902	110.566
Non-current liabilities	76.529	53.894
Interest-bearing liabilities	65.956	44.671
Provisions	1.951	1.384
Deferred tax liabilities	8.448	7.734
Other non-current liabilities	174	105
Current liabilities	50.373	56.672
Interest-bearing liabilities	14.575	18.487
Provisions	1.430	1.433
Suppliers and other creditors	26.009	27.901
Tax liabilities payable	6.237	7.167
Other liabilities	2.122	1.684
Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	558.040	504.822

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